

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 114
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tara Eubanks, the new World
Women's Middleweight Karate Champion.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their determination, abilities and endurance have achieved goals far and above the masses; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Cookeville resident Tara Eubanks, who recently earned the title of 1996 Karate World Champion, Women's Middleweight Fighting Division at the Super Grand World Games in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, although Tara Eubanks began the study of karate only four years ago, in the space of that time she has earned the rank of Black Belt, won the Battle of Atlanta and the Bluegrass Nationals three years in a row, and competed successfully in sixty tournaments, including the Universal Internationals, the Kansas Nationals, the Tennessee State Nationals and the Yellow Rose Nationals; and

WHEREAS, her efforts have earned her more than one hundred and twenty trophies from karate events around the country; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her career as a service advisor at Cookeville's Heritage Ford, and her training at Jack Scott's United Karate Studio where she is a student, Tara still finds time to teach classes in karate, particularly to children, who build confidence and self-discipline as they learn their skills; and

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WHEREAS, Tara Eubanks exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Tara Eubanks for her dedication to her art and training; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Tara Eubanks, a Black Belt in karate, on earning the title of 1996 World Champion, National Women's Middleweight Fighting Division at the Super Grand World Games, and extend to her our appreciation for continuing to bring honor and prestige to the state of Tennessee through the mastery of her skills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Tara Eubanks with the final clause omitted from such copy.